

St. Ives
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BOROUGH OF ST. IVES (HUNTS)

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

MEDICAL OFFICER

OF HEALTH

AND

HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR 1957

ANNUAL REPORT

of the Borough of St. Ives (Hunts) for the year ending

31st December, 1957

To:—

The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of St. Ives (Hunts).

Your Worship and members of the Council,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the Borough for the year 1957.

The Birth Rate indicates an appreciable increase over last year's figure and still remains well above the average for England and Wales as a whole.

The Death Rate on the other hand shows a slight decrease and now virtually equals the national figure.

Apart from a small outbreak of measles during the first half of the year the town has been comparatively free from notifiable infectious disease and it is a pleasing feature to note the continued absence of Poliomyelitis and Diptheria.

Vaccination against Poliomyelitis continued successfully during the whole of 1957 as far as the limited supplies permitted. All vaccination was achieved with British manufactured vaccine.

The need for additional housing accommodation still remains within the Borough and will be aggravated considerably when the Slum Clearance programme is speeded up.

The water supply to the Borough continues to be generally satisfactory but the pressure in the Houghton Hill area should be considerably increased and it is hoped that early consideration will be given to this problem.

In conclusion I should like to thank Members of the Council for their kindness and consideration to me, and to their Officers for all the help which they have given me during another year.

I am, Your obedient Servant,

J. CALDWELL.

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH—

J. CALDWELL, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P. & S., D.P.H.

HEALTH INSPECTORS:—

G. G. YEANDLE, M.R.S.H.

J. G. REESON, C.S.I.B., M.R.S.H.,

A.M.I.P.H.E., Cert. Bldg. Insp.

(Appointed 1-12-57).

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area	...	...	...	...	...	2,326 acres
Rateable value	...	...	...	...	...	£49,994
Value of Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	£186
Number of inhabited houses (approx.)	...	...	...	...	...	1,152
Population	...	...	...	...	...	3,375

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS	M.	F.	Total	
Legitimate	31	32	63	Birth-rate per 1,000
Illegitimate	—	—	—	estimated population 18.8
	—	—	—	(Ditto for England
Total	31	32	63	and Wales) 16.1
STILL BIRTHS				
Legitimate	1	1	2	Birth-rate per 1,000
Illegitimate	—	—	—	(live and still) Births 30.8
	—	—	—	(Ditto for England
Total	1	1	2	and Wales) 22.4
DEATHS				
(all ages)	20	19	39	Death-rate per 1,000
				estimated population 11.6
				(Ditto for England
				and Wales) 11.5
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	M.	F.	Total	
Legitimate	...	...	...	1
Illegitimate	...	...	...	—
	—
Total	...	...	...	1
Death-rates of Infants under 1 year				
All infants per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	15.9
(Ditto for England and Wales)	...	...	...	23.0
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births				
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births				

CAUSES OF DEATH

(Registrar General's List)

List No.	Causes					M.	F.
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...	...	0	0
2	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	...	0	0
3	Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	...	0	0
4	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	0	0
5	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	0	0
6	Meningococcal infections	...	...	...	...	0	0
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	0	0
8	Measles	...	...	...	...	0	0
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	...	0	0
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	0	0
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	...	...	1	0
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	...	0	0
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	...	0	1
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	...	0	2
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	0	0
16	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	1	0
17	Vascular lesions of the nervous system	...	...	...	...	1	3
18	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	6	3
19	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	0	0
20	Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	4	4
21	Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	0	0
22	Influenza	...	...	...	...	0	0
23	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	1	3
24	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	2	0
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	0	0
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	1	0
27	Gastritis, enteritis, diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	0	0
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	...	0	1
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	0	0
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	...	0	0
31	Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	1	0
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	...	2	2
33	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	0	0
34	All other accidents	...	...	...	...	0	0
35	Suicide	...	...	...	...	0	0
36	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	...	0	0
Total all causes						20	19

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

(a) Laboratory Facilities

The following laboratory facilities have been available to this authority and to General Practitioners in the area:—

Public Health Laboratory Service, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge. Tel.: Cambridge 55526.

Public Analyst, S. Greenburgh, Ph.D., B.Sc., F.I.C., Tenison Road, Cambridge. Tel.: Cambridge 2097.

(b) Ambulance Services

Ambulances administered by the County Ambulance Service operating in conjunction with the County Fire Service have been available on doctor's orders. Tel.: Huntingdon 348.

(c) Home Nursing

A nurse-midwife resident in St. Ives (Tel.: St. Ives 2228), employed and supervised by the Huntingdon County Council, carried out Home Nursing and attended Maternity Cases in the Borough.

(d) Clinics and Treatment Centres

(i) The following Health Services are provided by the Huntingdon County Council:—

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Minor Ailments	Schoolchildren	3rd Friday in month. 10.30-11.30 a.m.	Health Clinic, Station Approach, St Ives.
Infant Welfare	Children (0-5 yrs.)	Every Friday. 2-4 p.m.	Ditto.
Dental	Pre-school and schoolchildren. Pre-natal and nursing mothers.	3rd Friday in month. 10 a.m.-12 noon. 2.30-3 p.m.	Ditto.

(ii) The following health services are provided by the Regional Hospital Board:-

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Chest	All ages	Every Thursday. 10 a.m.-12 noon.	County Hospital, Huntingdon.
Venereal Diseases	All cases	Mondays, 3-7 p.m. Wednesdays, 4-6.30 p.m. Males: Mondays, 5.30-7 p.m. Wednesdays, 5.30-7 p.m. Females: Tuesdays, 10.30-12 noon Thursdays, 5.30-7 p.m.	Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge. Out-Patients Department, Memorial Hospital, Peterborough.
Orthopaedic	Pre-school and schoolchildren	2nd and 4th Tuesdays in month (Surgeons by appointment). 10 a.m.-12 noon.	Old Grammar School Huntingdon

(iii) The following service is provided under the Supplementary Ophthalmic Scheme of the National Health Service:

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Ophthalmic	Pre-school and schoolchildren	1st and 3rd Fridays in month (by appointment except in emergency). 10 a.m.-12 noon. 2-4 p.m.	Old Grammar School, Huntingdon.

Medical, Surgical, Orthopaedic, Paediatric, Skin Obstetrical, Gynaecological and Dental Out-Patients' Clinics are held at Huntingdon County Hospital and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, to which General Practitioners can refer their patients for specialist investigation.

(e) Hospital Services.

Fever. Cases of Infectious disease requiring hospital treatment are admitted to Isolation Hospitals at Cambridge, Peterborough and Ely.

General Hospital Services were provided by the County Hospital, Huntingdon, and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

Maternity Cases were admitted to Primrose Lane Maternity Hospital, Huntingdon and Mill Road Hospital, Cambridge.

SANITARY CONDITIONS

1 (1) **Water.**—The Chesterton and St. Ives Joint Water Board whose main works are situated at Kingston in Cambridgeshire supply water in bulk to the Borough. A satisfactory pressure has been maintained in the greater part of the Borough throughout the year. The total consumption for the year was 45,564,000 gallons which is an increase of 2,725,000 on the previous year.

The water is chlorinated at source by the Board.

77 samples were taken at various points in the Borough during the year, all of which were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Cambridge, for examination and report. Of these one was found to be unsatisfactory and this was traced to a faulty tap and corrected.

The rainfall for the year was 22.19 inches, which is about the average for the district and 2.21 inches below the previous year.

WATER SUPPLIES

Name of Town,	Source of Supply:— Public Supply, Wells, etc.	Sufficiency or Otherwise	Quality of Water	Analysis of Individual Supplies:— Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory, or none
St. Ives	Purchased in bulk from Chesterton and St. Ives Joint Water Board.	Satisfactory.	Satisfactory.	76 analyses were satisfactory from the Public supply. 1 was unsatisfactory and was corrected.

Estimated Number of Dwellings Supplied			Estimated Population Supplied		
Direct from Main Supply: 1,122	By Stand- pipes: 20	By Public or Private Wells: 10	Direct from Main Supply: 3,286	By Stand- pipes: 60	By Public or Private Wells: 29

(2) **Drainage and Sewage.**—Apart from general maintenance, no works in connection with drainage and sewerage have been carried out. The provision of an entirely new sewerage scheme has once again been under consideration and the need for this is still an urgent matter. It is hoped that during the coming year progress will be made.

2 Rivers and Streams.—No works of importance were carried out during the year. The ditches which discharge into the River Ouse have been kept clear and no doubt this has assisted in preventing any serious flooding in the area.

3 (1) Closet Accommodation.—The collection and disposal of night soil has again been carried out by the St. Ives Rural District Council's vehicles under contract and the scheme has worked satisfactorily. No complaints were received during the year.

(2) Public Cleansing.—The St. Ives Rural District Council has, under contract, been responsible for the collection and disposal of house refuse including the provision of all labour to carry out the work. No complaints were received during the year and it has still been possible to cover the area by a one day's collection although the volume of refuse continues to increase.

4 Shops and Offices.—No infringements were found and no complaints received during the year.

5 Camping Sites.—No applications were received for the licensing of camping sites in the Borough area during the year and no licenses have been granted previously.

6 Smoke Abatement.—No complaints were received during the year.

7 Eradication of Bed Bugs.—No complaints of infestation were received during the year, and no premises were found to be infested.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) Milk Supply.—The majority of the milk which is retailed in the Borough and delivered in bottles is mainly produced in the area of the St. Ives Rural District. No Complaints were received during the year.

(b) Meat.—The Borough Slaughterhouse, the management of which by agreement with the Council, is in the control of a local Estate Agent, has continued to work satisfactorily. The examination of meat has been carried out by an officer appointed by the Council.

MEAT INSPECTION

Public Abbatoir.

			Cattle including Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	..	..	797	4	543	3042
Number inspected	..	..	797	4	543	3042

(All diseases except tuberculosis):—

Whole carcasses condemned	..	—	—	—	2
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	..	129	—	14	79
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis	.. ..	16.18%	—	2.5%	2.66%

(Tuberculosis only):—

Whole carcasses condemned	..	2	—	—	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	..	47	—	—	18
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	.. ..	6.14%	—	—	.624%

Cysticercosis:—

Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	..	4	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	..	4	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned	.. ..	—	—	—	—

Weights of Condemned Meat.

				Condemnations		
		Number killed	Number of whole carcasses	Weight of whole carcasses	Weight of Parts and Organs	Total Weight
Cattle	.. ..	797	2	1230 lb.	4459 lb.	5689 lb.
Calves	.. ..	4	—	—	—	— lb.
Sheep and Lambs	..	543	—	—	26 lb.	26 lb.
Pigs	.. ..	3042	3	321 lb.	676 lb.	997 lb.
Total	..	4386	5	1551 lb.	5161 lb.	6712 lb.

Total animals killed:-4386.

Total meat condemned:- 2 tons 19 cwts. 3 qrs. 25 lb.

(c) **Bakehouse.**—There are still two registered bake-houses in the Borough, both of which have been maintained in a satisfactory manner during the year.

FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS

There were no cases of food poisoning notified during the year.

INSPECTIONS UNDER THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6	9	18	Nil	Nil
(2) Section 7	41	52	Nil	Nil
Total	50	70	Nil	Nil

Defect	Number of cases in which defects were found			
	Found	Remedied	Referred	
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector
Want of Cleanliness	2	2	—	—
Insufficient Sanitary Accommodation	—	—	—	—
Other Offences	1	1	—	—
Total	3	3	—	—

HOUSING

1 Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year :-

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 120
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 138
- (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 7
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 10
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 0

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	7
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2 Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices:-

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	6
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3 Action under statutory powers during the year:-

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957:-

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs		0
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-		0
(a) By owners	...	0
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners		0

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	4
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-		
(a) By owners	...	4
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners		0

(c) Proceedings under Sections 16 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957:-

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	... ..	0
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders	... ..	0

(d) Proceeding under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957:-

- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made. ... 0
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit. ... 0

4 Housing Act, 1957.—Part IV.—Overcrowding:-

- (a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of the year ... 0
- (ii) Number of families dwelling therein ... 0
- (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein ... 0
- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... 0
- (c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ... 0
- (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases 0
- (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ... 0

The Council is at present erecting 20 new Council Houses.

Number of new houses erected and number of new dwellings provided by adaption during 1957:—

New Houses by		By Adaptation	
Local Authority	Private Enterprise	Local Authority	Private Enterprise
6	8	None	None

TUBERCULOSIS

Total number on Register at 31st December, 1956 **21**

Pulmonary: **18**

Non-Pulmonary: **3**

AGE PERIODS				New Cases—Diagnosed				New Cases—Transfers			
				Respiratory		Non-Res.		Respiratory		Non-Res.	
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5	..	..	..	I	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
35	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	I	..	..
45	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
55	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
65 and upwards	..	..	..	..	I	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..				I	I	—	—	—	I	—	—

No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1952, in connection with persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936, which deals with the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

								Total Cases Notified
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45
Acute Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Typhoid Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Infective Hepatitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
								51

